

Year 8 Music

2026 Listening Analysis Assessment Task

‘Beds are Burning’

Original - Midnight Oil

Cover - Julia Stone

Background & Style

Who performs each version of *Beds Are Burning*?

Midnight Oil and Julia Stone

Which version is the original, and which is the cover?

Midnight Oil is the original and The Julia Stone is the cover

Compare and Contrast

'Beds are Burning' - Original - Midnight Oil, Cover -
Julia Stone

How would you describe the **style** of each version?

**The original is more rock n roll style
and the Julia Stone cover is more
relaxing and chill**

Mood and Atmosphere

Describe the **mood** of Midnight Oil's version.

More agitating and serious.

Describe the **mood** of Julia Stone's version.

More relaxing and loose

How is the mood different between the two versions?

One is upbeat and one is very slow and downbeat

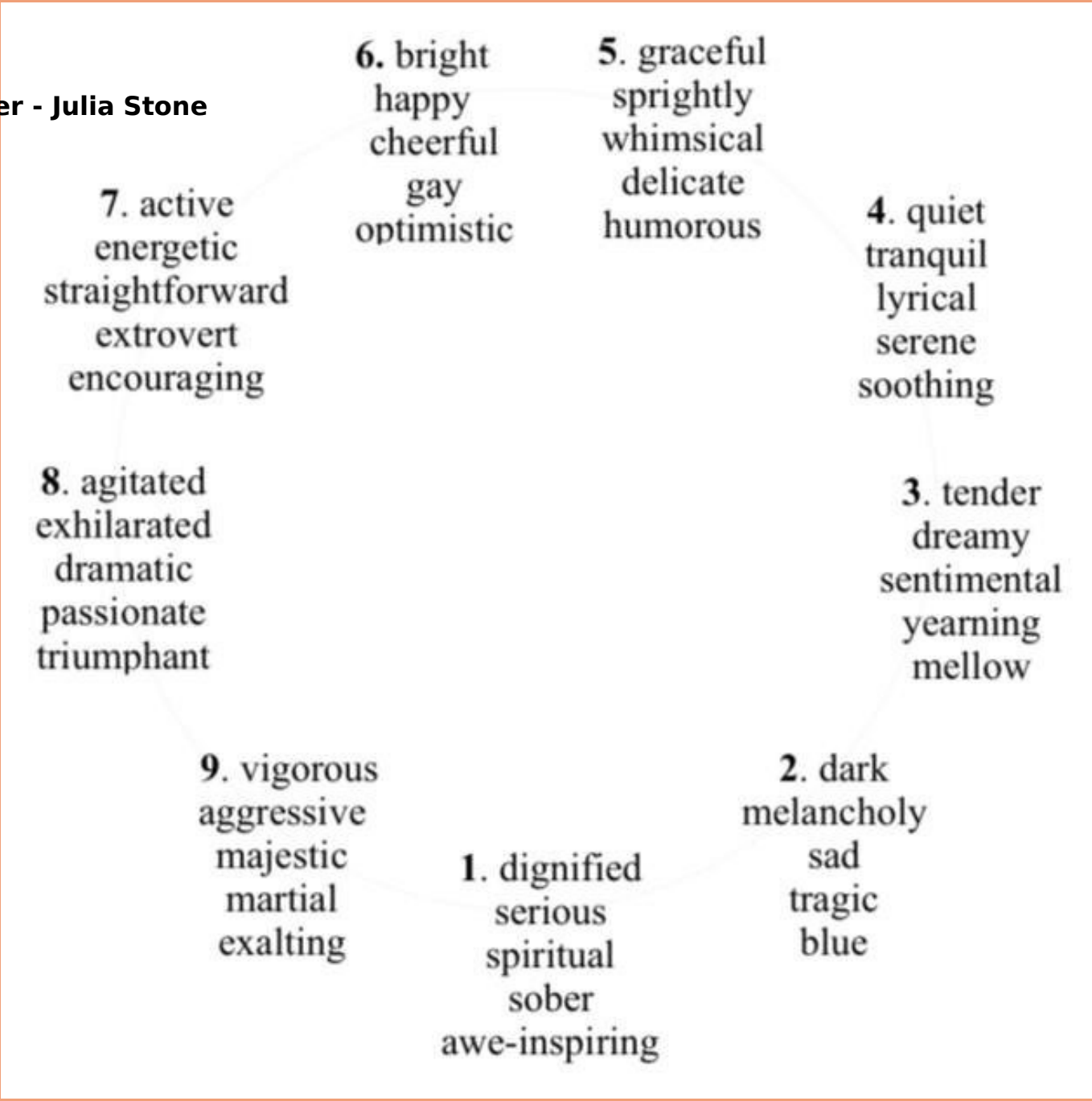
Which version feels more urgent? Why?

The midnight oil original one cause of the fast, rock n roll and the other one by

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Hevner's mood wheel



Tempo and Rhythm

Compare the **tempo** of both versions. Which one is faster or slower?

Midnight oil one is faster and Julia stone one is slower

How does the rhythm in each version affect the message of the song? **Midnight oil's fast rhythm makes the message feel urgent**

Instrumentation

What instruments are most prominent in Midnight Oil's version?

Drums, Acoustic guitar, bass, Keyboard

What instruments are most prominent in Julia Stone's version? **Keyboard, soft drums , acoustic guitar**

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How does the different instrumentation
change the listener's experience?

**In midnight oil the song is powerful and
urgent and with the Julia stone cover it
is more calmer and has more emotion**

Vocal Style

Describe Peter Garrett's vocal style in the original version. **It is like strong powerful and passionate**

Describe Julia Stone's vocal style in her version.

Soft, gentle and emotional

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How do the different vocal styles influence the emotional impact of the song? **In midnight oil powerful vocals makes it urgent strong lyrics Julia stones soft vocals make it more reflective and emotional**

Lyrics and Message

Are the lyrics the same in both versions?

Even though the lyrics are the same, how
does the **meaning or feeling** change?

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Which version do you think communicates the message more effectively? Explain your answer.

Structure and Musical Techniques

Does either version use repetition, silence, or dynamics differently?

How do these musical techniques change the way the song is understood?

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Personal Response

Which version do you prefer and why?

Compare and Contrast

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Which version makes you think more deeply
about the song's message?

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How do these two versions show that music can be interpreted in different ways?